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TRUCK RESTRICTIONS LIFTED ON ROUTE 101 IN DEL NORTE COUNTY SOUTH OF CRESCENT CITY

Eureka – Caltrans announced today that restrictions on larger, industry-standard sized trucks have been lifted on Route 101 in Del Norte and northern Humboldt Counties. These trucks, referred to as STAA trucks, were previously prohibited on Route 101 south of Anchor Way in Crescent City due to a tight curve near Big Lagoon. A recent project widened this curve and STAA trucks are now allowed on Route 101 as far south as Benbow in southern Humboldt County.

One STAA pinch point remains in District 1 (Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Lake Counties) at Richardson Grove in southern Humboldt County. A draft environmental document is currently being prepared for the Richardson Grove Improvement Project, a project to slightly modify the current alignment to allow STAA truck access. The draft environmental document is anticipated to be complete in October 2008. Once this pinch point is eliminated, all of Route 101 in District 1 will be open to STAA trucks.

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